



JULY 2007

## Disability Resource to the Entertainment Industry

# M.A.O. Member Appearances

### MAO MEMBERS AND OTHER KNOWN PWDs WHO ARE TELEVISION SERIES REGULARS/ RECURRING

- **Tracy Ashton (AL)**  
As Didi - "My Name is Earl" - NBC
- **Peter Dinklage (LP)**  
As Marlowe Sawyer - "Nip/Tuck" - FX
- **Meredith Eaton Gilden (LP)**  
As Bethany Horowitz - "Boston Legal" - ABC
- **Robert David Hall (AL)**  
As Coroner Dr. Robbins - "CSI" - CBS
- **Mitch Longley (WU)**  
As Mitch - "Las Vegas" - NBC
- **Shoshannah Stern (D)**  
As Bonnie Richmond - "Jericho" - CBS  
As Megan Graves - "Weeds" - Showtime
- **Marcus A. York (WU)**  
As Billy Merchant - "The Office" - NBC

### THEATRE APPEARANCES

**Toby Forrest (WU)** - actor  
'Pyretown' - play by John Belluso  
Thru July 8 / July 7 perf. will be audio described  
Studio/Stage, 520 North Western Ave., L.A.  
For info/tix: 213-627-4473

**Please note:** We would like to have your performances appear in the MAO newsletter in a timely fashion. Please e-mail [DGordy@edd.ca.gov](mailto:DGordy@edd.ca.gov) by the third week of the month prior to your scheduled appearance. **Please include date, time, place, contact and ticket information, as applicable, and the nature of your disability, as per the format above**

### CONGRATULATIONS TO MAO MEMBERS

- **John W. Lawson (AL)** appears as the 'Old Vet' in episode six of the new Spike TV series **The Kill Point**, which premieres July 22.
- **Kayo Zepeda (AL)** has a supporting role in the feature film, **Zzyzx**, which came out on DVD on June 12.
- **Danny Woodburn (WU)** has a guest role on NBC's soap **Passions** for three weeks beginning the end of June.
- **Marcus A. York (WU)** booked a guest role on Comedy Central's TV show **Mind of Mencia**, air date TBA.
- **Gabriel Cordell (WU)**, **Mike Novak (B)** and **Dena Diamond (B)** did a Public Service Announcement for the theatre troupe **Changing Perceptions**.
- **Kurt Levee's (LP)** new band **Keli Ravin** is launching a tour to Las Vegas, AZ, and the East Coast.
- **Tristan Thunderbolt (D)** and **Joel Rutledge (O)** performed at the awards ceremony of the **Superfest International Film Festival** on June 2. MAO Member **Liane Yasumoto (WU)** is Executive Director of the fest, and MAO North Program Director **Dr. Douglas Gordy** presented two awards.
- **Evelyna Castro (WU/O)** was cast in the Longview (WA.) Theatre Company's One Act Festival coming up in July and August.
- **Mary Ann Tidwell Broussard (MI)** worked backstage crew for the Gospel musical **Love Don't Cost a Thang** at the Black Repertory Theatre in Berkeley the end of June.
- An article on the achievements of **Hillary Lebrecht (WU/CP)** appeared in the Yorba Linda Star newspaper on June 14.

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## JULY MAO CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

All classes & workshops take place at the Verdugo Job Center in Glendale, unless otherwise specified. Call Gloria at 818-409-0448 to sign up or for more info.

- David Zimmerman's next M.A.O. no fee class will be on Thursday, July 19th from 1 to 5 p.m.
- New Client Orientation on Thursday, July 5th from 1 to 3 p.m.

## Sad News...

It is with great sorrow that we report the loss of a remarkable woman, MAO acting teacher, Christina Kokubo. After a year long battle with cancer, Christina passed away peacefully on June 9 at Long Beach Memorial Hospital. Christina had been teaching acting at MAO for over 8 years. She was also the Producing Artistic Director and Founder of 'Changing Perceptions: Theater by the Blind and Physically Disabled', created in 1999 while she was recovering from spinal surgeries and unable to walk. In 2000 this touring theater company gave their first public performance at Santa Monica College. Christina saw the need to educate the general public on acceptance of people with disabilities and, together with the performers, created an original play that strove to shatter stereotypical ideas and fear about visual and physical disability. Christina's work with performers with disabilities was one of her greatest achievements and joy. She will be truly missed.

## PWD Database Seeks Submissions

Alliance for Inclusion in the Arts (formerly the Non-Traditional Casting Project) is expanding its Artist Files/Online (AFO) national database for performers with disabilities. AFO has received more than 5,000 consultations from producers, directors, and casting directors from across the country. If you are a performer with a disability and would like to be included in their national talent database at no charge, please send **one** headshot and resume to:

Christine Bruno, Disability Advocate  
Alliance for Inclusion in the Arts  
1560 Broadway, Suite 1600  
New York, NY 10036

To ensure proper classification in the database, please include the nature of your disability and any accommodations and/or assistive devices used, along with any union affiliations. *Please note: AFO accepts only professionally reproduced copies of headshots. No Xerox, fax, scanned, or email copies PLEASE.*

### Codes:

- AA - Arm Amputee
- AL - Leg Amputee
- B - Blind
- CP - Cerebral Palsy
- D - Deaf
- DD - Devel. Disability
- Ds - Down syndrome
- HI - Hearing Impaired
- ID - Invisible Disability
- LD - Learning Disability
- LP - Little Person
- MI - Mobility Impaired
- O - Other
- PWD - Performer with
- VI - Visually Impaired
- WU - Wheelchair User

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